



Luzerne County Council
November 13, 2018
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
Voting Session

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Edward A. Brominski (via phone)
Harry Haas
Linda McClosky Houck
Eugene Kelleher
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen A. Urban
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Romilda P. Crocamo, Chief County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Mr. McGinley announced Mr. Brominski is on the phone and is calling in to the meeting due to a health issue. Due to the number of times Mr. Brominski has called in to date, the Bylaws require a vote by Council to allow him to participate in the Meeting.

Motion to allow Mr. Brominski to participate by phone

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Houck

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Mr. Brominski is present and will participate in the meeting.

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

None

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

None

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (11-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to adopt minutes of the October 23, 2018 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

One (1) Nay by Mr. Stephen A. Urban

One (1) Abstention by Mr. Brominski

Motion Passed (9-1) with (1) Abstention

The October 23, 2018 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to adopt resolution approving a Policy regarding Investments of Luzerne County Funds

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (11-0)

2. Motion to adopt resolution requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Perry

Mr. Schnee would like to amend the resolution to seek the funding match from the LCTA.

Motion to amend resolution by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Mr. Haas would like the end of the resolution to read:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council does approve the request of the submission contingent upon the County Manager seeking out revenue sources apart from the General Fund and reporting to Council before disbursement.”

Mr. Schnee would like to make the wording provided by Mr. Haas his motion.

Mr. Kelleher seconded.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Amendment Passed (11-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (11-0)

3. Motion regarding Act 13 Funds and Committee

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Mr. McGinley stated that there was a procedure for the Act 13 Grant Process passed by Council and an email from Mr. Haas with proposed allocations of the current Act 13 funds available. Mr. Haas reviewed his proposed allocations of \$4982.38 for the River Common, \$14,000.00 for Pest Control and \$25,000.00 for 2018-2019 Act 13 Grants.

Mr. McGinley noted the timeline for the Act 13 Grant Process will need to be amended. Dates were discussed and the agreed upon start date is January 1, 2019. All dates in the application and timeline would be moved ahead by 4 months.

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Public Comment

John Newman (Nanticoke) thanked the LCTA for adding additional buses to run evening hours and asked if the stop locations could be changed to more convenient locations. He requested help from Council regarding the change.

Charles Olah (Edwardsville) thanked the LCTA for evening bus services. Mr. Olah commented on the stop locations, Old Business, and feels the Committee System is being bypassed.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:34PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Lawrence
Clerk of Council

* Audio of this meeting can be found in its entirety on the County Council webpage <http://www.luzernecounty.org/county/luzerne-county-council> or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org